

Judging Criteria:

- Judging should be based on preparation of animals for show, apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the participating show person.
- Type of animal should not be considered unless it affects the way the animal should be fitted and shown.
- Fine or technical points should not be overemphasized to the extent that they are given more weight than an effective job of presenting a clean animal, nor should minor infractions result in disqualification of a show person.

Showmanship Guidelines:

- Wear neat, practical, clean, and serviceable clothing (shirt and dark jeans/pants recommended).
 - Clean tennis shoes are acceptable in sheep, rabbit, and poultry divisions. Other showmen should wear polished boots.
 - Refer to project manuals for guidelines or contact a project committee member.
- Judges should select four overall species championship places so there will be two alternates.
- Check specific rules in appropriate divisions.

Showmanship Score Guidelines (to be used with all livestock lots)

Exhibitor – personal appearance	20 points
Appearance of Animal – cleanliness, grooming	30 points
Showing of Animal – how well animal is trained/responds	
Individual poise and skill	<u>50 points</u>
	100 points total

Round Robin Rules

- Divisions include beef, sheep, dairy, swine, goat, rabbits, pigeons, poultry, and horse.
- Rosettes will be awarded to the top two junior and top two senior showmen in beef, sheep, dairy, swine, goat, rabbits, pigeons and poultry.
- Horse Showman will be selected from all eligible skill levels and not based on age.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showman from the above four contestants will be selected from each species to compete in the round robin.
- The 3rd and 4th place showman from each species should be identified in order to provide alternates to the Round Robin if necessary.
- Trophies will be awarded to the Grand & Reserve Champion showman of each species. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from the Round Robin Contest and awarded trophies. If the same Showman wins Grand or Reserve in more than one species, that Showman may choose which species to show in the Round Robin and are still eligible to win the trophy for any species won.
- The Grand and Reserve Champion Round Robin winners from the previous year will be asked to emcee the current Round Robin Contest unless they have been selected to compete. In this case, other 4-H members or alumni may be invited to emcee.

Judging Criteria and Scoring for Round Robin:

- Judging and scoring will be based on the personal appearance of the exhibitor, cleanliness and grooming of the animal, how well the animal is trained, and the poise and skill of the exhibitor.
- Responses to interview questions from the judge while showing will also be taken into consideration.
- Fine or technical points should not be overemphasized to the extent that they are given more weight than an effective job of presenting a clean animal, nor should minor infractions result in disqualification of a show-person.
- All competitors will be scored on a 1 to 10 system out to two decimal points. (i.e. 8.75, 9.45, etc.)

Showmanship Guidelines for Round Robin:

- Wear neat, practical, clean, and serviceable clothing (shirt and dark jeans/pants recommended).
- Showman should wear polished boots, as some species require this attire.
- Refer to your project manual for further guidelines or contact a species committee member.
- Check specific rules in appropriate divisions.

General Rules for Breeding Animals Only (applies to all animals except dogs)

- Animals entered in breeding lots will be judged on breed type and characteristics. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats will receive consideration for milk producing characteristics and development for age.
- Animals shown in breeding lots may not be shown in market lots or vice versa.
- All female Beef and Dairy Cattle over one year of age must have a Brucellosis Certificate with health inspection.
- Get-of-Sire (sheep & swine) – 3 animals, offspring of 1 sire. Both sexes may be represented, but not more than 1 male. Owned by Exhibitor. Sire need not be present.